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which others of much larger dimensions have heretofore been used to resolve. It thus affords to the amateur astronomer the advantage of a cheap, portable, and satisfactory instrument.

Their being no quorum present, the stated business of the meeting, the election of members, was necessarily postponed.

Pending nominations, Nos. 224 and 225, were read.

Dr. Patterson, chairman of the Committee on Finance, reported the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee.

Stated Meeting, November 3.

Present, thirteen members.

Dr. FRANKLIN BACHE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

A letter was received and read:—

From the Royal Bavarian Academy of Sciences, dated Munich, 31st January, 1848, acknowledging the receipt of Vol. IV. No. 35, of the Proceedings, and Vol. IX. Part 3, of the Transactions of this Society, and announcing a donation to the Library.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Gelehrte Anzeigen: Herausgegeben von Mitgliedern der Königlich Bayerischen Akademie der Wissenschaften. Vol. XXIV. January to June; and Vol. XXV. July to December, 1847. Munich, 1847. 4to.—*From the Royal Bavarian Academy of Sciences.*

Abhandlungen der Mathematisch Physikalischen Classe der Königlich Bayerischen Akademie der Wissenschaften. Vol. V. Part 1. Munich, 1847. 4to.—*From the same.*

Bulletin der Königl. Bayerischen Akademie der Wissenschaften: for the year 1847. Nos. 1 to 35, inclusive. Munich, 4to.—*From the same.*

Extra Impression of the Preface and Introduction to Dr. J. G. Flügel's Practical Dictionary of the English and German Languages. London, Leipzig, and Hamburg. 1848. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Astronomical Observations made at the Radcliffe Observatory, Ox-

ford, in the year 1846. By Manuel J. Johnson, M.A., Radcliffe Observer. Vol. VII. Oxford, 1848. 8vo.—*From the Radcliffe Trustees.*

Annual Report of the Regents of the University of the State of New York, on the Condition of the State Cabinet of Natural History ; with a Catalogue of the same. Albany, 1848. 8vo.—*From the Regents of the University of the State of New York.*

Outline of the Constitutional History of New York : An Anniversary Discourse, delivered at the request of the New York Historical Society, in the City of New York, November 19, 1847. By Benjamin Franklin Butler. New York, 1848. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Memoir, Geographical, Political, and Commercial, on the present State, Productions, Resources, and Capabilities for Commerce, of Siberia, Manchuria, and the Asiatic Islands of the Northern Pacific Ocean ; and on the importance of opening commercial intercourse with those Countries. Addressed to His Excellency, James K. Polk, President of the United States. By Aaron H. Palmer. Printed by order of the Senate. Washington, 1848. 8vo.—*From A. H. Palmer, Esq.*

Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XVI. No. 4. October, 1848. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*

The American Journal of Science and Arts. Second Series. No. 18. November, 1848. New Haven. 8vo.—*From the Editors.*

The African Repository and Colonial Journal. Vol. XXIV. No. 11. November, 1848. Washington. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*

Pending nominations, Nos. 224 and 225, were read.

Stated Meeting, November 17.

Present, fourteen members.

Dr. PATTERSON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters were received and read:—

From the Royal Asiatic Society, dated London, 17th June, 1848, acknowledging the receipt of Vol. X. Part 1 of the Transactions, and Vol. IV. of the Proceedings of the Society: and—